

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method ~~for providing a notification to a telephone user having a plurality of devices including a preferred device,~~ comprising:

receiving a user-specified phone number from which a user will receive notifications;

receiving information indicating incoming data directed to one of a plurality of devices of the user, the data being in the form of one of a plurality of data types, the plurality of devices of the user including a preferred device;

generating a notification by identifying, from the plurality of data types, a data type of the incoming data; [[and]]

determining whether the incoming data is from the user-specified phone number;  
and

transmitting the notification to the user's preferred device if the incoming data is determined to be from the user-specified phone number, the notification including an identification of the data type of the incoming data.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, comprising:

receiving a user selection of the preferred device.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, comprising:  
receiving a user selection of a time period during which notifications are to be transmitted to the preferred device.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, comprising:  
receiving a user selection of a device for which notifications are to be transmitted to the preferred device.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, comprising:  
receiving a user selection of calling parties from which notifications are to be transmitted to the preferred device.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the user selection of calling parties comprises using a calendar function for specifying date-specific notifications.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, comprising:  
receiving user specifications of a preferred device for receiving notifications based on at least one of the time of day or calling party.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein receiving a user selection of the preferred device comprises receiving a selection of a wireless phone capable of displaying text messages.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein receiving a user selection of the preferred device comprises receiving a selection of a landline phone.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein receiving a user selection of the preferred device comprises receiving a selection of a desktop or laptop computer.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein receiving a user selection of the preferred device comprises receiving a selection of a handheld device.

12. (Currently Amended) An apparatus ~~for providing a notification to a telephone user having a plurality of devices including a preferred device comprising:~~  
~~a first server function for receiving a user-specified phone number from which a user will receive notifications,~~ receiving information indicating incoming data to one of a plurality of devices of the user, the data being in the form of one of a plurality of data types, ~~the plurality of devices of the user including a preferred device, generating wherein the first server generates~~ a notification by identifying, from the plurality of data types, a data type of the incoming data, ~~and determining whether the incoming data is from the user-specified phone number; [[and]]~~

~~a second server function for transmitting the notification to the user's preferred device if the incoming data is determined to be from the user-specified phone number,~~ the notification including an identification of the data type of the incoming data; ~~and a storage device for storing at least the user-specified phone number.~~

13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 12, comprising:  
a database for storing identifications of calling parties from whom notifications  
are transmitted to the preferred device.

14. (Original) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the database stores times  
during which notifications are transmitted to the preferred device.

15. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a notification to a telephone  
~~user having a plurality of devices including a preferred device comprising:~~  
receiving a user-specified phone number from which a user will receive  
notifications;

receiving information from a calling party calling one of the plurality of devices;  
generating a notification corresponding to the received information by identifying,  
from the plurality of data types, a data type of the received information; [[and]]  
determining whether the received information is from the user-specified phone  
number; and

if the received information is determined to be from the user-specified phone  
number, generating a signal to the preferred device to display the a real-time notification  
including an identification of the data type of the received information.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, wherein ~~generating the~~  
notification includes the name and phone number of the calling party.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the notification includes the date and time, type of communication, and access method.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17, wherein generating the notification further includes a voice mail message.

19. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for providing a notification to a communications user having a plurality of devices including a preferred device comprising:

means for receiving a user-specified phone number from which a user will receive notifications;

means for receiving information indicating incoming data to one of a plurality of devices of the user, the data being in the form of one of a plurality of types, the plurality of devices of the user including a preferred device;

means for generating a notification by identifying, from the plurality of data types, a data type of the incoming data; [[and]]

means for determining whether the incoming data is from the user-specified phone number;

means for transmitting the notification to the user's preferred device if the incoming data is determined to be from the user-specified phone number, the notification including an identification of the data type of the incoming data; and

a storage device for storing at least the user-specified phone number.

20. (Original) The apparatus of claim 19, comprising:  
means for selecting parties from which notifications are transmitted to the preferred device.
21. (Original) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the means for selecting indicates times during which notifications are transmitted to the preferred device.
22. (New) The method according to claim 1, further comprising blocking the notification to the preferred device when the incoming data is from a phone number other than the user-specified phone number.